

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 817 - SB 1241**

April 3, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the Office of Vital Records from registering a birth certificate for any child born to a mother who is not lawfully in the United States at the time of the birth unless the father of the child is a United States citizen and provides satisfactory proof of U.S. citizenship, sworn acknowledgement of paternity, and written agreement to provide financial support for such child until the child is 18 years old.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, there are approximately 90,000 births a year. Each birth would require validation of the mother or father's documentation of legal presence.
- The Office of Vital Records will incur a significant increase in expenditures for changes to procedures and forms to validate the legal standing of the mother or father and to incorporate the required information by the father if the mother is not legally in the U.S. It is impossible to determine how many of the births would require additional information to be included within the record.
- The Department estimates that the additional staff resources and modifications to birth certificates and the birth data systems would result in an increase in expenditures which exceeds \$1,000,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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